

10A NCAC 13P .0301 is proposed for amendment as follows:

10A NCAC 13P .0301 SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT PROGRAM CRITERIA

(a) ~~Programs~~ EMS Providers seeking designation to provide specialty care transports shall submit an application for program approval to the OEMS at least 60 days prior to field implementation. The application shall document that the program has:

- (1) a defined service ~~area~~; area that identifies the specific transferring and receiving facilities in which the program is intended to service;
- (2) ~~a written policies and procedures implemented for~~ medical oversight ~~plan~~ meeting the requirements of Section .0400;
- (3) service continuously available on a 24 hour per day basis;
- (4) the capability to provide the following patient care skills and procedures:
 - (A) advanced airway techniques including rapid sequence induction, cricothyrotomy, and ventilator management, including continuous monitoring of the patient's oxygenation;
 - (B) insertion of femoral lines;
 - (C) maintaining invasive ~~monitoring~~ medical devices ~~to include such as~~ central venous pressure lines, arterial and venous catheters, arterial lines, intra-ventricular catheters, and epidural catheters; and
 - (D) interpreting 12-lead electrocardiograms;
- (5) a written continuing education ~~plan~~ program for EMS personnel, under the direction of the Specialty Care Transport Program Continuing Education Coordinator, developed and modified based on feedback from program data, review and evaluation of patient outcomes, and quality management ~~reviews~~. review that follows the guidelines of the:
 - (A) "US DOT NHTSA EMT-Basic Refresher: National Standard Curriculum" for EMT personnel; and
 - (B) "EMT-P and EMT-I Continuing Education National Guidelines" for EMT-I and EMT-P personnel.

These documents are incorporated by reference in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.6, including subsequent amendments and additions. These documents are available from NHTSA, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, at no cost;

- (6) ~~a mechanism to collect and electronically submit to the OEMS data that uses the EMS data set and data dictionary as specified in "North Carolina College of Emergency Physicians: Standards for Medical Oversight and Data Collection," incorporated by reference in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.6, including subsequent amendments and editions. This document is available from the OEMS, 2707 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699 2707, at no cost. EMS Specialty Care Transport Programs shall comply with this requirement by July 1, 2004. a communication system that will provide two-way voice communications for transmission of patient information to~~

- 1 medical crew members anywhere in the service area of the program. The SCTP medical director
2 shall verify that the communications system is satisfactory for on-line medical direction;
3 (7) medical crew members that have all completed training regarding:
4 (A) operation of the EMS communications system used in the program; and
5 (B) the medical and safety equipment specific to the vehicles used in the program. This
6 training shall be conducted every six months;
7 (8) written operational protocols for the management of equipment, supplies and medications. These
8 protocols include:
9 (A) a listing of all standard medical equipment, supplies, and medications for all vehicles
10 used in the program based on the treatment protocols and approved by the medical
11 director;
12 (B) a methodology to assure that each vehicle contains the required equipment, supplies and
13 medications on each response; and
14 (9) written policies and procedures specifying how EMS Systems will dispatch and utilize the
15 ambulances operated by the program.
16 (b) ~~Applications for specialty care transport program approval shall document that the applicant meets the~~
17 ~~requirements for the specific program type or types applied for as specified in Rules .0302, .0303 or .0304 of this~~
18 ~~Section. When transporting patients, staffing for the vehicle used in the SCTP shall be approved by the SCTP~~
19 ~~medical director as medical crew members, using any of the following appropriate for the condition of the patient:~~
20 (1) EMT-Paramedic;
21 (2) nurse practitioner;
22 (3) physician;
23 (4) physician assistant;
24 (5) registered nurse; and
25 (6) respiratory therapist.
26 (c) EMS Providers whose primary dedicated service is the provision of the patient care skills and procedures as
27 detailed in Paragraph (a)(4) of this Rule are exempt from the staffing requirements defined in G.S. 131E-158(a).
28 (e) (d) ~~Specialty care transport program~~ Care Transport Program approval ~~shall be~~ are valid for a period to coincide
29 with the EMS Provider License, not to exceed six years. Programs shall apply to the OEMS for reapproval.

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31 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-158; 143-508(d)(1), (d)(8), (d)(9); 143-508(d)(13);*
32 *Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2002;*
33 *Eff. January 1, 2004;*
34 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2009.*